

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed on January 25, 2005. Claims 1, 28 and 37 are amended and claims 17, 18, 31, 32 and 38 are canceled such that claims 1-16, 19-30, 33-37 and 39-40 are now pending in this application.

Examiner Interview

Applicant's attorney would like to thank Examiner Akkapeddi for his courtesy during the telephone interview held on March 4, 2005. Examiner Akkapeddi discussed the amended and the cited references with Applicant's attorney.

Applicant's attorney and Examiner Akkapeddi agreed that the pending rejections are overcome by the amended claims. Examiner Akkapeddi indicated that further searching and reconsideration would be required.

§103 Rejections of the Claims

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-14, 17-18, 22-23, 27-29, 31-32, 36-38 and 40 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steffensmeier (U.S. Patent No. 6,540,363) in view of Clarke (U.S. Patent No. 6,014,232).

Claims 5, 24-25 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steffensmeier and Clarke and further in view of Itoh et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,337,724).

Claims 11, 15-16 and 30 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steffensmeier and Clarke as applied to claims 1, 7 and 28 above, and further in view of Sheridan (U.S. Patent No. 5,777,782).

Claims 19-21, 33-35 and 39 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steffensmeier and Clarke and further in view of Schwarzenberger (U.S. Patent No. 6,128,054).

Claim 26 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steffensmeier and Clarke and further in view of Zimmerman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,598,821).

As discussed during the interview, none of the cited references teach or suggest:

“each display device including a dead-band region between each pair of adjacent sections” in combination with “wherein the lens assemblies provide magnification

to merge adjacent projected sectional images together to eliminate the dead-band regions from the tiled image” as recited in amended claim 1;

“subdividing each of the display devices into a plurality of sections such that there is a dead-band region between each pair of adjacent sections on each display device” in combination with “wherein projecting the sectional image displayed on each section includes . . . magnifying adjacent sectional images on either side of the dead-band regions to eliminate the dead-band regions from the tiled image” as recited in amended claim 28; or

“each display device includes a dead-band region between each pair of adjacent sections” in combination with “wherein the projecting means includes means for magnifying adjacent sectional images to merge adjacent projected sectional images together to eliminate the dead-band regions from the tiled image” as recited in amended claim 37.

Reservation of Right to File Continuation or Divisional Applications

Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce any original claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications at a later date.

Reservation of Right to Swear Behind References

Applicant reserves the right to swear behind any references which are cited in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §§102(a), 102(e), 103/102(a), and 103/102(e). Statements distinguishing the claimed subject matter over the cited references are not to be interpreted as admissions that the references are prior art.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 373-6972 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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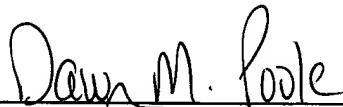
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